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Addendum # 2

CR # 12 Continuous Recruitment through 31 Dec 06

TITLE: Diagnostic Assessment Services (DAS) Program - DCYF

- Five vendor questions / State responses are released for review

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Diagnostic Assessment Services – CR 12

Addendum – Clarification

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Additional questions/requests have been received regarding the Letter of Interest Solicitation for the Diagnostic Assessment Services (DAS) Program-DCYF. These questions/requests are listed below with the answers in bold:

1. For the past three years, what is the breakdown of inpatient DAS evals by gender – by Region, as well as Statewide.
2. How many DAS evals have been completed on Spanish speaking families over the last two fiscal years?

The Department has information for 2004 and 2005 which is as follows:

Year	Total DAS Evals	Inpatient	Outpatient
2004	427	Total – 190 Males – 101 Females – 89	Total - 237 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Region I – 47: M-37/ F-10▪ Region II – 33: M-28/ F-5▪ Region III – 51: M-26/ F-25▪ Region IV – 106: M-76/ F-30
Spanish speaking families: 21 Other language: 4*			
* The number of non-English speaking families is believed to be greater, but information is incomplete.			
2005	387	Total – 141 Males – 80 Females – 61	Total – 246 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Region I – 58: M-38/ F-20▪ Region II – 34: M-16/ F-18▪ Region III – 48: M-28/ F-20▪ Region IV – 106: M-63/ F-43
2006	As of May 4, 2006: 141 DAS Evals were ordered; 58% have been completed.		

3. Would DCYF accept psychological and educational testing done by someone holding a CAGS (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies) in lieu of a PhD in psychology? This would broaden the availability of testing in Spanish given that there are so few Spanish speaking PhDs.

The Department requires a licensed clinician to conduct the DAS evaluations. For the psychological evaluations, the provider must be an appropriately licensed PhD; i.e., psychology or education. The DAS program is being restructured to ensure a standard of practice that will be timely and tailored to the needs of the Family Court. The Department is willing to assess over time the needs as they relate to ensuring sufficient capacity for non-English speaking families, but our requirement at this juncture is for licensed Masters and PhD level clinicians.

4. What is the minimum number of outpatient DASs that an entity may bid on?

The Department has not put a limit on the number of DAS evals that may be assigned to a certified provider. The LOI requests providers to submit their response based on their qualifications, experience and capacity to meet the expectations. Any limit to service would be determined by the provider's capacity.

5. Will any entity presenting a bid need to be made up of DCYF certified DAS providers or may that entity contract out to Masters and PhD level clinicians that are not certified, but have reports signed off by the certified provider?

The Department requires licensed clinicians to become certified to conduct the DAS evaluations. Subcontracting to other clinicians to provide the service may be considered if the vendor is proposing to establish a network of Masters and PhD level licensed clinicians to conduct the evaluations. In such a case, the entity would need to submit all materials to DCYF for certification as a DAS provider for each of the subcontractors. The Department would also look for assurances regarding the administrative and oversight capacity of the applicant to provide a high level of expertise, detailed level of supervision and quality service that would be reflected in the reports.

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